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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCINNIS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1290, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1290, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

#### PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF A WEST VIRGINIA HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1335) to provide for the extension of a hydroelectric project located in the State of West Virginia.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1335

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 7307, the Commission shall, upon the request of the licensee for the project, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the Commission's procedures under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence construction of the project so as to terminate on September 26, 1999.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall take effect for the project described in subsection (a) upon the expiration of the extension, issued by the Commission under section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806), of the period required for commencement of construction of the project.

(c) REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.—If a license for the project described in subsection (a) has expired prior to the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall reinstate the license effective as of the date of its expiration and extend the time required for commencement of construction of the project until September 26, 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER] and the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] will be recognized for 20 minutes each.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER].

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1335 would extend the deadline for construction of a 20 megawatt project in West Virginia until September 26, 1999, or 10 years after the date the license was issued. The licensee for this project is the city of Grafton. The city has been unable to commence construction due to the lack of a power sales contract needed to secure financing for construction. This bill was introduced by our colleague, Representative MOLLOHAN of West Virginia. The construction deadline ran out on April 15, 1995, so it is appropriate that we act today. H.R. 1335 provides for reinstatement of the license upon enactment.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I also support H.R. 1335 and urge its adoption, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1335.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1335, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

#### AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITATION FOR FERC-ISSUED HYDROELECTRIC LICENSE FOR MOUNT HOPE WATERPOWER PROJECT

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1366) to authorize the extension of time limitation for the FERC-issued hydroelectric license for the Mount Hope waterpower project.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1366

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FERC PROJECT.

Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, upon the request of the licensee for FERC Project No. 9401 (and after reasonable notice), is authorized, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and

public interest requirements of such section 13 and the Commission's procedures under such section, to extend the time required for commencement of construction of such project until August 3, 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER] and the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] will be recognized for 20 minutes each.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER].

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1366 would extend the deadline for construction of a 2,000 megawatt pumped-storage project in New Jersey until August 3, 1999, or 7 years after the date the license was issued. The licensee is Halecrest Co., which has been unable to commence project construction due to the lack of a power sales contract needed to secure financing. This bill was introduced by our colleague, Representative FRELINGHUYSEN of New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN], my colleague, who is the sponsor of the legislation.

(Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time, and I rise in strong support of H.R. 1366, legislation I introduced earlier this year to extend the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] license for the Mount Hope hydroelectric project by a period of 3 years. I would like to thank Chairman DAN SCHAEFER and ranking Member FRANK PALLONE of the Energy and Power Subcommittee for moving this bill expeditiously through their committee.

Mount Hope received its original FERC license in August 1992. The license has since been extended by 2 years and is due to expire in August 1996. H.R. 1366 would simply ensure that there is sufficient time for Mount Hope to secure the energy supply contracts needed to begin construction of the proposed facility.

The Mount Hope project is a proposed advanced pumped-storage hydroelectric plant located in Morris County, NJ. Far from a conventional hydro plant, the Mount Hope facility will be a closed-cycle system in which water will continuously circulate between two man-made reservoirs: an upper reservoir on the surface and a lower reservoir to be constructed entirely underground. During periods of peak electrical demand or when needed by the regional power pool to enhance system operations, water will be released from the upper reservoir into a vertical shaft which will direct it to the powerhouse 2800 feet underground. There it will pass through a new generation of fast-response turbines which will be capable of reaching the full generating